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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1903.

Wilmer is badly in need of some system of fire protection. A bucket brigade might be formed with some advantages. In case of a fire starting there is no systematic way of working. If a brigade was formed and officers duly elected there would be some little chance of quenching small fires and an effort should be made to form one at once. It would cost but very little to purchase some buckets, fire alarm, etc.

It has been decided to endeavor to form a Windermere District Liberal Association. This is a move in the right direction, and it would be well if the Conservatives would revive their Association. With the likelihood of a Provincial and Dominion election coming on in a few months it is well that these associations should be in active working order. Especially as the next elections will be the hottest ever contested in this province, and the Windermere must keep abreast with the times.

The first number of The Ozonagram has reached this office. It is a 6-column, 8-page paper, published in Vancouver by Wm. MacAdams and R. T. Lowery, both men are already well-known as writers of ability and peculiarly characteristic in their expressions. The Ozonagram differs entirely from anything ever published on the Coast and it is not likely that the damp, wet climate will make the fiery editorials of this paper soggy. The Colonel has moved his "Upper Stop" down the slope and is working it on full shift, while Billie is doing overtime on "Rag Time Philosophy." Success to The Ozonagram.

Now that it is quite probable that there will be a Dominion election this fall the electors of British Columbia should study politics. It has been proven during the past three years that the people of this province have interests in Dominion politics that need their attention—their best and gravest attention. Previously there was not the attention given Dominion politics that should have been given, and as a result this province has suffered. Everyone now recognizes that in order to have our lead mines worked continuously the Dominion Government must make laws that will give the Canadian miner the same privileges and standing as the American miners enjoy. To get these laws every voter will have an opportunity through his ballot.

The voter must decide whether the Liberal party will do more for B. C. than the Conservative party.

The fact that the voter's father was a Liberal or a Conservative should have nothing to do with the coming election. Few of our fathers ever lived in B. C. and they knew nothing about lead mining or other conditions as they now exist in this province.

Charity and patriotism should begin at home, and, therefore, the people of this province should look on things political from a material point of view, and not from a sentimental point. If the voter can accept the promises of the Liberals and they are the best for the province he should vote and work for that party. But if the Conservative party will do more, then each voter owes it to himself and the province to support the Conservatives.

British Columbia has within its boundaries more natural wealth than any other province in the whole Dominion and the only thing that has kept it back from being the most progressive is the unnatural conditions its resources have been surrounded with.

The people resident in this province are more to blame for these unnatural conditions than any others, in that they have not taken the interest in the governments that they should. There is the excuse of being in a new country and inexperience of the needs of mining, but then the experience of our neighbors to the south should have been taken advantage of.

The first thing necessary is to interest the voters of B. C. in the interests of B. C. It is the duty of every man to help build up this province on a business basis and not to allow sentimental whims to sway the destiny of so great and promising a country.

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Charles Cartwright, retail liquor license, Atlixon Hotel, Atlixon.
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Notice to the Liberals of Windermere District.

A meeting will be held in Wilmer, on Saturday, May 23, for the purpose of forming a Windermere District Liberal Association.

All Liberals are urgently requested to attend.

R. S. GALLUP,
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C. & W. Commission

**Our Member Highly Complimented
--Mr. Brown says Wells Saved
Land for the Province.**

The Columbia & Western railway investigation committee has been practically the whole matter of interest at Victoria during the past week and our member, Hon. Mr. Wells, has been the centre figure of all interest. It is most gratifying to his supporters here, at the present writing, to hear that he is evidently coming out of the trouble with much honor.

By latest reports it appears there is but one more tangle to straighten out and that will be effected by now. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Mr. Creelman, solicitor of the company, and Mr. Oswald, secretary of the C. & W. company were to be in Victoria to give evidence to the effect that Mr. Wells delivered the grants for blocks 4593 and 4594 to Mr. Oswald and that they remained in vault at C. P. R. headquarters over night and were returned to Mr. Wells the following morning, without receipt, and Mr. Creelman is said to have witnessed the delivery and had them in his custody.

Mr. Wells stoutly maintains that never once did the deeds in question leave the Windsor hotel, while in Montreal, and classifies the whole as "a great big put-up job." Further information is eagerly awaited here, and the feeling throughout the district is that Mr. Wells is "alright."

The following is an editorial from the Vancouver World, which paper has been opposed to Mr. Wells and, therefore, its opinion is made the stronger. Nor is it surprising that a convert of a day should make some little unpleasant personal remarks in breaking away, yet, withal, it speaks much for the conscientiousness of that paper:

Out of the mouth of Mr. George McL. Brown, former executive agent of the Canadian Pacific, the Chief Commissioner, Hon. W. C. Wells, has received the highest compliment that could be paid any public man in connection with the defeat of the petty scheme by which it was proposed to secure to the Columbia & Western Railway two large blocks of extra valuable lands to which they were in no way entitled either in law or equity.

"The grants were withheld nevertheless. There is no possible doubt now that the person who prevented the delivery of the grants was Mr. Wells. There is no question whatever but that it was he who stood between the province and the railway company in the completion of this transaction."

These are the words of Mr. Brown, and whatever foolishness the Chief Commissioner may have been betrayed into by a none-too-ready wit in meeting the sharp legal fencing of learned counsel, the public will be inclined to forgive in view of the vastly overbalancing total of provincial indebtedness to him for saving the country from the great loss contemplated in the machinations of those who were engineering this great land grab.

The mere fact that the so-called reinstatement measure of 1902, which Mr. Brown confessed to drafting, surreptitiously proposed to so enlarge the powers of the company, in defiance of the intention of the Legislature, as to give it control over all Yale and Kootenay, is sufficient to show that the methods of the company's agents in this matter were not altogether honest.

There is much more evidence tending in the same direction. Mr. E. P. Davis may very possibly confuse and tangle Mr. Wells, and to a certain extent make him appear ridiculous.

But when all is said and done the evidence of Mr. George McL. Brown will more than counteract any unfavorable impression that the Chief Commissioner may himself in the witness box create.

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